



BINGHAM COUNTY PROFILE

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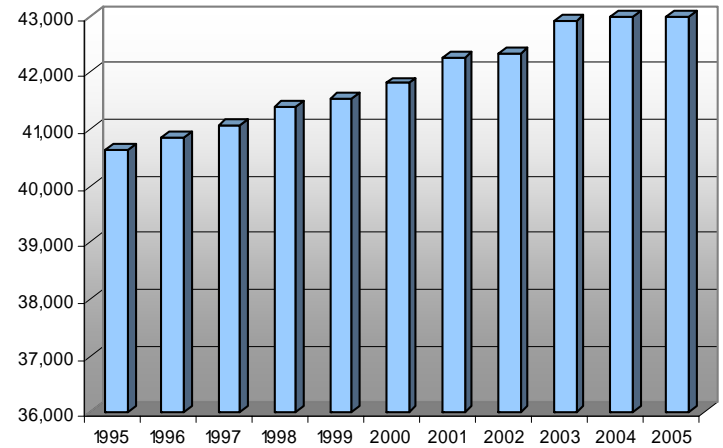
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Population

Bingham County's population increased steadily (6.4 percent) over the last decade and grew from 40,621 in 1994 to 43,205 in 2004. Blackfoot is Bingham County's largest city and is a major farm service, potato processing, and potato shipping center.

Level irrigated farmlands, mountains, and the Snake River (which runs directly through the county) offer a picturesque setting to live in, and the farming community offers a lifestyle few people want to leave.

- Most population increases during the decade were because of natural increases (births minus deaths).
- Significant population increases were because of international migration. Many migrant farm workers have found year-round jobs and have stayed in the county.

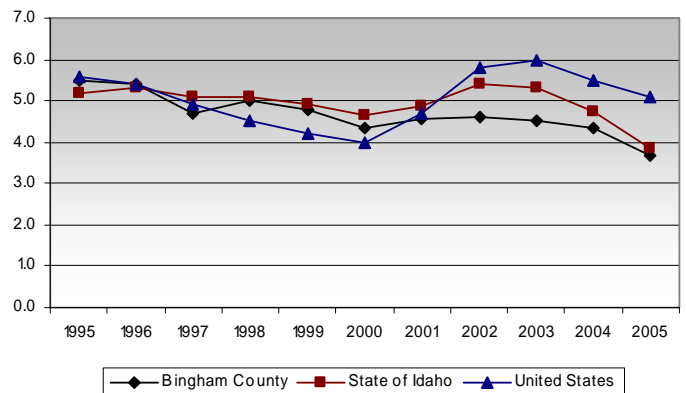


Labor Force & Employment

Bingham County is heavily dependent on agriculture and agriculture-related industries. There is considerable diversity because it is home to Idaho's State Hospital South, First American Title's headquarters office, Wal-Mart, and expansions of several other businesses. Bingham County's location between two major trade centers—Pocatello to its south and Idaho Falls to its north—provides the county with a diverse and skilled labor force and ample employment opportunities.

- Over the decade, Bingham County's labor force increased 11.9 percent and employment increased 13.7 percent. Since employment growth surpassed labor force growth, more people found jobs and the unemployment rate dropped steadily from a high of 5.9 percent in 1994 to 4.3 percent in 2003.

Unemployment Rates



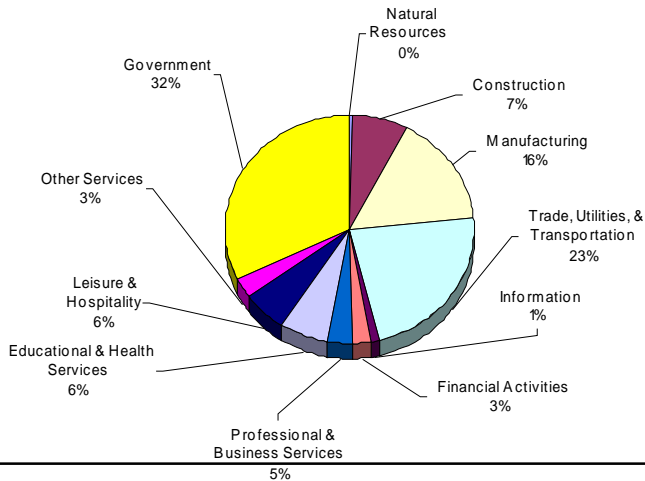
- The location of the Idaho Nuclear Engineering and Environmental Lab (INEEL) and the Fort Hall Indian Reservation in Bingham County provide a wide variety of service sector employment for the county's labor force.

Over the last two years drought forced growers to reduce watering of crops, INEEL downsized, and Astaris, LLC closed, eliminating jobs for Bingham County workers. Despite the national recession, international trade, and drought, Bingham County's labor market remains brisk and most people who want to work can find jobs.

Labor Force	May 2005	May 2006
Civilian Labor Force	21,447	21,737
Total Employment	20,469	20,818
Unemployed	978	919
Bingham County % Unemployed	4.6	4.2
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.9	3.4
U.S. % Unemployed	5.1	4.7

Labor Force	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Civilian Labor Force	20,477	20,917	21,404	21,739	21,944	19,808	19,981	19,930	20,249	21,096	21,652
Unemployment	1,122	1,131	1,007	1,081	1,053	863	916	917	918	918	792
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.5	5.4	4.7	5.0	4.8	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.4	3.7
Employment	19,355	19,786	20,397	20,658	20,891	18,945	19,065	19,013	19,331	20,178	20,860

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2004



Covered Employment & Wages

- Because of the large agricultural base in Bingham County, *Trade* and *Manufacturing* go hand in hand and provide nearly half of all jobs in the county.
- Government provides more than 30 percent of the jobs in Bingham County because Idaho's State Hospital South and the University of Idaho Agricultural Experimental Station are located in the county.
- Wages in Bingham County are lower than in most of the United States and fall in about the middle of all Idaho counties.

Major Employers

Basic American Foods
Bingham Memorial Hospital
Idaho Supreme Potatoes
J.R. Simplot Co.
Nonpareil, Corp.
Spudnik Equipment Co.
Shoshone Bannock Tribes
State Hospital South
Wada Farms
Wal-Mart

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wages

Occupational Wages*	Starting Wages
Auto mechanic/service technician	\$11.76
Cashier	\$6.00
Cook	\$6.76
Farm Worker	\$5.95
Fast Food Worker	\$5.15
Food Process Worker	\$6.83
Grader and Sorter, Agriculture	\$5.89
Laborer	\$6.10
Nurse, Licensed Practical	\$11.10
Nurse, Registered	\$18.00
Office Clerk, General	\$6.50
Sales Clerk/Stock Clerk	\$5.95
Psychiatric Technician	\$11.53
Waiter/Waitress	\$5.87

* Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Idaho Commerce & Labor website at cl.idaho.gov/lmi.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1994, 2003, & 2004	1994		2003		2004	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	13,019	\$21,048	13,786	\$24,353	13,767	\$25,371
Agriculture	933	\$16,881	1,226	\$21,504	1,269	\$22,568
Mining	29	\$21,831	*	*	*	*
Construction	483	\$21,407	769	\$24,763	898	\$26,459
Manufacturing	2,539	\$22,091	2,236	\$29,590	2,017	\$31,690
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	3,059	\$16,079	3,035	\$20,473	2,880	\$21,547
Information	85	\$16,677	116	\$25,094	115	\$24,293
Financial Activities	256	\$18,835	290	\$26,327	328	\$30,524
Professional and Business Services	1,146	\$45,880	380	\$26,159	358	\$28,061
Educational and Health Services	391	\$15,382	718	\$23,094	798	\$21,839
Leisure and Hospitality	653	\$6,504	690	\$7,553	723	\$7,448
Other Services	229	\$15,995	307	\$20,047	309	\$20,641
Government	3,217	\$21,539	3,993	\$28,243	4,038	\$29,171

Per Capita Income	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Bingham County	\$16,010	\$17,190	\$16,679	\$17,444	\$18,233	\$19,267	\$19,448	\$20,251	\$19,606	\$21,485
State of Idaho	\$18,707	\$19,426	\$20,248	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,075	\$25,185	\$25,330	\$26,877
United States	\$22,172	\$23,076	\$24,175	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,845	\$30,575	\$30,804	\$31,472

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